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1. It is estimated that in and around Canton there are 60,000 men and women between the ages of 18 and 23 being trained for administrative posts in the Chinese Communist Government.
2. Nine thousand college students have just begun a special program which will last through one month of their winter vacation. Of these, two thousand are living in dormitories in the training institutions and being trained full-time. This program is concentrated on Communist ideology and "new life philosophy," the latter being intended to condition students to accept a "new way" of life. About 80 percent of the college students in the Canton area are attending these courses.
3. Another training program in Canton is concerned with indoctrination of the police force. Still another program, soon to be started, will train workers to carry out a new "land equalization program".
4. The highest-level training institution in Canton is the Southern University, Nan Fung Ta-hsueh (南方大學), headed by CH'EN Wei-shih. It is presently giving a six months' course for individuals who will take posts in hsien administrations throughout Kwangtung Province. The university plans to inaugurate in the near future a new five-year course for political workers. The student body for this course is to be made up of workers' children and there are to be Soviet instructors on the faculty. Through this use of new teachers and a different type of student-body, the University aims to create a new type of mass education.
5. Administrative training for local government positions is being carried out in most of the larger cities of Kwangtung Province. The courses are all short and the individuals being so trained will be replaced in their jobs as soon as better qualified persons are available. They will then be enrolled for further training.

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